

House Resolution 2267

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th and Howard, E. of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Barbara Thurmond for her commitment to helping victims of violent crimes; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Barbara Thurmond was recently nominated to receive the National Organization
4 for Victim Assistance Award for 2006 which is presented annually to recognize the
5 extraordinary accomplishments of individuals and programs in the victims' movement; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara has done outstanding work in service to victims of crime in Richmond
7 County, Georgia, and also has done a fantastic job as the Executive Director of Blacks
8 against Black Crimes, Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, a nurse by profession, she retired at the age of 34 as a result of a catastrophic
10 illness and she continues to be a voice for victims and survivors even though she is confined
11 to a wheelchair; and

12 WHEREAS, she has been a comfort and inspiration to hundreds of victims and their families
13 with whom she has worked to obtain victims' justice and assistance and she is also a survivor
14 of a homicide victim, her stepdaughter, Tina Thurmond; and

15 WHEREAS, Barbara has received the Essence Award from Essence Magazine and was
16 selected as one of five women in the United States "who go above and beyond," based upon
17 her community involvement and volunteerism, by the National Council of Negro Women;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, the
20 Black Heritage Commission, the Central Savannah River Area Girl Scouts, Handgun
21 Control, Inc., Able/Disabled, the Association of Georgians With Disabilities, and other
22 organizations too numerous to list.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body honor Barbara Thurmond for her tireless efforts in support of the
3 victims of violent crime and their survivors.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Barbara Thurmond.